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10           UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
11           WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
12           AT SEATTLE

13 KASEY JAMES VELLA,

14           Plaintiff,

Case No. C20-6153 RAJ

15           v.  
16 COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL  
17 SECURITY,

Defendant.

**ORDER DENYING  
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO  
AMEND SCHEDULING ORDER**

18           This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff's second unopposed motion to amend  
19 the Scheduling Order. Dkt. 11. Plaintiff's opening brief was due June 10, 2021, the  
20 same date the instant motion was filed. Dkt. 10.

21           The Court can extend a briefing deadline only "for good cause[.]" Fed. R. Civ. P.  
22 6(b)(1). Plaintiff's motion provides the Court no reason for an extension but states,  
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1 "After conferring by email and providing the reasons for this request with attorney for the  
2 Commissioner, Benjamin Groebner, he has graciously consented to this request." Dkt. 11  
3 at 1. However, it is the Court's, not the Defendant's, role to determine good cause for an  
4 extension of time. As noted in the Scheduling Order, dates set by the Court "are firm and  
5 can be changed only by order of the Court, not by agreement of counsel or the parties."  
6 Dkt. 8 at 1. The Court cannot find good cause if no cause is proffered.

7 Accordingly, Plaintiff's motion is **DENIED** without prejudice.  
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9 DATED this 11th day of June, 2021.  
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11 The Honorable Richard A. Jones  
12 United States District Judge  
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